

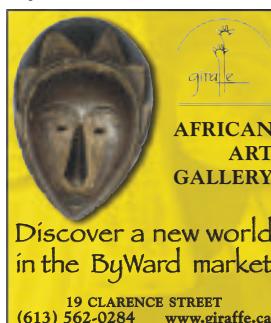
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Drew, Justin Long call it quits

## Motorcyclist dies in collision

**FATALITY** A motorcyclist died early yesterday morning after he crashed his bike in Gloucester.

A security guard reported hearing a loud bang shortly before 1:30 a.m. He then discovered a motorcycle on the lawn near 5420 Canotek Rd. and a man lying nearby.

The collisions unit of the Ottawa police and paramedics were called to the scene, where the man was pronounced dead.

Next-of-kin had yet to be notified yesterday and police were still withholding the name of the 36-year-old Ottawa man.

The road was closed until approximately 6 a.m. for the investigation into the collision.

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Pitching in for 1 more Games

# Medal hauled to the Hall

Group surrenders Order of Canada to GG to protest Morgentaler

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**Members of a Catholic community yesterday returned an Order of Canada medal its founder received 32 years ago, to protest a high-profile abortionist's receipt of the award.**

Representatives from Madonna House in Combermere arrived at Rideau Hall to return Catherine Doherty's 1976 medal in response to Dr. Henry Morgentaler's recent appointment to the order, joining a priest in British Columbia who has also surrendered his award in protest.

"Our purpose was to make a simple public gesture to call attention to the disgrace and disappointment of the awarding of the medal to Dr. Morgentaler,"

### "The medal has been dishonoured."

Director Susanne Stubbs, Madonna House

said Susanne Stubbs, a director with the community of more than 200 laymen and priests that assists the poor.

"The medal has been dishonoured."

Doherty, who died in 1985, was added to the Order for "devoted services to the underprivileged of many nationalities, both in Canada and abroad." Consideration for her sainthood began in 2000.

Stubbs and her colleagues returned the medal and its accompanying document to Yves Bastien, an awards official who emerged from Rideau Hall to re-



Mark Schlingerman, a director general of the Catholic group Madonna House, holds an Order of Canada medal that was awarded to the group's late founder, Catherine Doherty, outside the front gates of Rideau Hall yesterday.

ceive it. Officials refused comment.

"Catherine Doherty would not have judged Henry Morgentaler, nor should we. Yet we have to protest — simply, peacefully, unremittingly and with the tools we have at hand — the se-

rious misdirection our country is taking," director general of laymen Mark Schlingerman read from a letter the group sent to Governor General Michaëlle Jean, who named Morgentaler for Canada's highest civilian honour.

The medal was returned after consultation with the community, said director David May.

"It was a sad decision and we took it very seriously," said Schlingerman. "It was hers and ours and surrendering it was very hard."



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On Aug. 3, five decorated boats representing the original builder groups of the Rideau Canal will be leading the World Heritage flotilla along Dow's Lake to the Ottawa Locks, during Ottawa's new Rideau Canal Festival. METRO OTTAWA

# Ottawa



## Stopping grow ops

Since they began posting online the locations of dismantled marijuana grow ops and crystal meth labs in Ottawa this year, city police have broken up operations at 10 properties, resulting in 45 charges against 11 people.

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## Four charged in abduction case

Arrests made in Canada Day kidnapping

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**The Canada Day abduction of a woman in Vanier has led to the arrests of three men and a youth, city police reported yesterday.**

Manock Achuil Lual, Manock Agak Lual, both age 21, and Stephane Letourneau, age 34, along with a youth, are accused of holding a woman cap-

tive after she allegedly helped arrange a drug deal that went wrong.

The suspects face a raft of charges, including assault with a weapon, kidnapping, and extortion after Ottawa Police made arrests in the case between July 2 and yesterday. The accused appear in court tomorrow.

According to Det. Randy Wagner with Ottawa Police's Major Crime-Robbery Unit, four suspects allegedly chased down and

assaulted a woman after she reportedly connected them with a drug dealer who sold them fake drugs.

The suspects are accused of then confining the woman against her will, in an effort to get their money back.

Wagner said the woman managed to escape and notify police.

The woman sustained multiple bruises and lacerations and was treated at hospital and released without charges.

## Cool Canada could be hot ticket

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It's about the best hockey that'll be played anywhere this summer, but it could be tough to get a seat.

To gear up for the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championships in Ottawa, the Canadian national junior hockey team announced yesterday it will hold a summer development camp at the University of Ottawa starting July 25, with games to begin two days later.

Team practices will be free to the public, but admission will be charged for three red-and-white games that could become a hot ticket at a campus arena that holds just 850 people.

"We're bringing together



Head coach Benoit Groulx

er the top 45 young players in the country and they take this very seriously," said tournament general manager Bob O'Doherty, adding that games can take on playoff-like intensity as players battle for the coach's eye.

Gatineau Olympiques head coach Benoit Groulx is Canada's bench boss. He said it's exciting to make the drive for five straight titles in Canada, but having games at home won't

make the job any easier.

"When you coach this team you know the expectations are high," he said. "It's something you have to be prepared to face."

Canada has 10 returning players from the 2007-08 championship team. And while Groulx expects all 10 at camp, he said it's too soon to speculate on the roster.

"It all depends who is going to stay in the NHL," he said.

Former Binghamton Senators head coach Dave Cameron, currently coaching St Michael's, and Willie Desjardins, the head coach in Medicine Hat, are Groulx's assistant coaches.

Canada starts the tourney against the Czech Republic at Scotiabank Place on Dec. 26.

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**"We had hundreds of people come out and watch."**

**MTO engineer**  
Frank Vanderlaan

A technique that makes bridge lifts a jiff has become a spectator sport of sorts in Ottawa.

As it did last year when it replaced the Queensway's Island Park Drive overpass in a single day, the Ministry of Transportation will set up bleachers for the public to watch workers pop out and replace the Clyde Avenue bridge next month.

"We had hundreds of people come out and watch at various times last year, and we'll be putting up bleachers again. We'll also be setting up webcams," said MTO engineer Frank Vanderlaan.

Construction on the new

**Merivale Road.**

The short changeover

makes for minimal traffic disruption compared to traditional bridge work.

But Clyde Ave. will not be a true replacement. The new sections going in will be five metres wider than the existing ones, which posed more challenges than the previous operation.

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Vachon said the support girders don't line up on the new sections, like they did for Island Park.

The new bridges cost \$9.6 million and are expected to have a lifespan of 75 years.

## News in brief

**FIRE** A shed fire early yesterday that destroyed a car and motorcycles is being investigated as suspicious. The 5 a.m. blaze in the shed behind a single-family home on Majestic Drive in Ottawa's west end caused \$15,000 damage to the structure and the three vehicles. The Ottawa Police tactical team offi-

cers searching a Century Road West house were exposed to a substance that caused rash and irritation. The HAZMAT unit was called to the scene of a grow-op bust yesterday after two police officers were exposed to a chemical substance. Two Ottawa Police tactical team offi-

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Frank Vanderlaan, project engineer with the Ministry of Transportation, stands in front of one of the new overpasses that will replace the Queensway's Clyde Avenue bridge in August.

## Jiffy lift brings crowds to bridge

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# Roughing it doesn't get much rougher

Why did I ever agree to go camping?

## CityScapes

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**A** diehard city slicker, I've been camping exactly once in my life. And it was a disaster.

My mind has blocked much of the painful memory, so I can't remember why I agreed to go camping on an island accessible only by a 10-minute motorboat ride.

For three days, I didn't shower. I brushed my teeth with bottled water, ate only granola bars, slopped new layers of insect repellent and sunscreen over the old and learned to pee in the bushes. When I finally showered up on my return, the water that flowed down the drain — I kid you not — ran black.

I still shudder at how dirty I got, but lately I've been thinking about giving camping a second chance. And who better to ask for advice than a professional outdoorsman?

Ottawa's Bob Abrames spends most of his summers living as people did 300 years ago. That means up to 100 days of surviving

on salt pork (ick), no tents, no showers, no bug spray and no toothbrushes.

A rabid fan of dental hygiene, I recoiled in horror. "I use baking soda on my finger to clean my teeth," said Abrames. "It's a long way from a toothbrush but it changes the taste a little bit."

That's not the worst of it.

**"Life today has become extremely complicated, extremely fast and extremely technical. Getting back into the bush brings you back to what life's about."**

Bob Abrames

He also goes without toilet paper. This time, I gasp audibly. I love toilet paper. To me, it's such a necessity that I don't even bother taking it for granted.

But for Abrames, roughing it means celebrating nature.

"Life today has become extremely complicated, extremely fast and extremely technical. Getting back into the bush brings you back to what life's about."

With camping, you can be as extreme or conserva-

tive as you want. There are ways of spending time outdoors, while also enjoying a few comforts of home. The most important thing is just to get out there, he said.

A flashlight, a cell phone for emergencies, a first-aid kit, "the best poncho you can buy," and modern freeze-dried foods are camping musts.

But you have to count on some hardships. When it comes to answering the call of nature in nature, for example, it's just not going to be pretty.

Abrames suggests carrying a trowel "to dig a hole for your business. It decomposes very quickly."

The most admirable thing about Abrames is what he gives up to rough it. When not in the bush, he lives a comfortable, cell-phone using existence in a downtown condo. I'm sure it's not easy leaving that behind. Still, he misses very little.

"I miss pizza," he said. "And the first thing I do when I get back is brush my teeth — it's very high on the list."

"It's the simple pleasures in life that make you appreciate what you have."

Metro Ottawa's Tracey Tong is an award-winning reporter. Her CityScapes column appears every Wednesday.

# 'Yellow bag' program meant to ease landfills

**RECYCLING** A City of Ottawa committee says it hopes a new program to encourage business, industry and institutions to recycle more of their waste will help divert garbage from the capital's crowded landfills.

While industry and commercial business account for about 70 per cent of all waste, only about 150 out of 26,000 businesses in the capital currently participate in a municipal "yellow bag" program that picks up garbage and recycling for a fee.

Businesses that don't participate in the program have their garbage picked up by

**"In these days, I mean it's just silly not to (recycle)."**

Terry Scott  
of Spaceman Music

private companies and dumped into private landfills.

"We can't mandate that they do anything other than to control what comes in to the system," said Albert Shamess of Ottawa Waste Services.

Terry Scott of Spaceman Music says his shop goes through about 200 pounds of cardboard per week and it

would be foolish not to participate in a recycling program.

"In these days, I mean it's just silly not to (recycle)," he said.

Shamess says it's only a matter of time before private disposal facilities see the value in waste diversion.

In the meantime, Shamess says the city is a long way from meeting their waste diversion target.

"The diversion of the industry and commercial waste is a little bit below 20 per cent," he said. "I think we're targeting 60 per cent ... we've got a ways to go."

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The Chicago-based Boeing Co said yesterday it has teamed with a privately owned Canadian company to build a blimp it says will be able to carry heavy cargo to remote regions like the Alberta oilands. **REUTERS**

# Canada

**"I don't really have any answers — we're still waiting and looking for them."**

Ben Berry speaking on the death of friend Diana Gabrielle O'Brien.



## model death

Chinese police are reporting that a young B.C. model has been found near her Shanghai apartment in what is being treated as a homicide.

# PM limits greenhouse goals: Official

Prime Minister Stephen Harper worked to ensure that the Group of Eight leaders produced a climate change agreement that did not contain overly ambitious goals for cutting greenhouse gases, a senior Canadian government official says.

G8 leaders meeting in

Japan put aside their differences to reach an accord on tackling climate change, but environmental groups blasted the agreement as woefully inadequate to tackle one of the globe's most challenging problems.

Along with Canada, the United States, Japan, Russia, Britain, Italy, Germany

### Harper appeals for "realistic" goals

In the face of European demands for aggressive short-term and long-term targets to reduce carbon emissions, Harper stressed the need to set "realistic."

and France agreed to work toward a goal of cutting the worldwide emissions that cause global warming by at least 50 per cent by 2050.

But analysts said the agreement was badly weakened because it does not stipulate a base year to measure the extent of emissions reductions need-

ed to reach the goal of 50 per cent cuts by 2050. A senior Canadian official confirmed that the G8 will leave it to each country to determine what base year to use when calculating anti-pollution measures.

Harper lauded the accord as an "important advance" because U.S. President George W. Bush

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## Jack Layton objects to Colombia trade clause

Fines nation for killed union reps

Federal New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton says it's "simply outrageous" for the federal government to sign a trade deal with Colombia with a clause calling for the South American nation to pay a fine to a special fund whenever a union activist is murdered.

It's not even clear how the fund would work. Nor would the Harper government give any details.

"This shouldn't have even been allowed to cross the first bureaucrat's desk," said Layton, whose party has launched a petition against the trade agreement over the sum-



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NDP Leader  
Jack Layton

the death squads, 28 trade unionists have been murdered so far this year, according to human rights organizations.

Union groups in both Canada and the U.S. oppose any trade deal with the government of Alvaro Uribe. Colombia is ranked as one of the world's most violent countries.

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## Remembering the last to fall

Veterans perform Halifax memorial for HMCS Esquimalt

BY PAUL MCLEOD  
Metro Canada



It's been 63 years since the last Canadian ship to be sunk in World War II, the HMCS Esquimalt, went down outside of Halifax.

Yesterday survivors of the ship, their rescuers, and one of the crew of the German submarine that sank the Esquimalt all gathered for a memorial on the ocean near Chebucto Head.

"We heard a big explosion. Next thing you knew you were in the water," recalls George Taylor, who was 19 when the Esquimalt was hit by a torpedo April 16, 1945.

He climbed aboard a nearby life raft and waited about 5½ hours before he and his surviving shipmates were rescued by the HMCS Sarnia.



Lou Howard, left, looks on as his one-time enemy, Werner Hirschmann, prepares to throw a wreath overboard to commemorate the last Canadian ship sunk during World War II, on behalf of the German submarine that sank it.

"The last time I was in this spot the engines stopped and I was scared skinny," said Sarnia navigating officer Lou Howard, 21 years old then and 84 now.

"We were a sitting duck

and we knew there were torpedoes out there. But we had a job to do and we did it. Then as soon as we got them onboard, full speed ahead."

In total, 27 men were saved, while 13 perished.

After a prayer service was done on the navy tug yesterday, three wreaths were thrown overboard into the ocean.

One simply said, "Wish we could have got there sooner."

## China fines Mississauga man \$1.9M for fraud

**HONG KONG** A Chinese Canadian businessman has been sentenced to 20 years in a Chinese jail and roughly \$1.9 million in fines, nearly two years after he was first detained in the country on what his family has been sentenced to for fraud in unjust charges. Fujian.

Jimmy Chen Yian Yuan, 52, was imprisoned in the fall of 2006 in Zhuang Zhou, in China's Fujian province, on charges of fraud, but the Mississauga man's support-

ers deny the accusations and say he was jailed over a business dispute with his company's Hong Kong supplier. For months, Chen's wife and daughter — cut off from any direct communication with him — awaited news from his January trial.

The family is pleading with the federal government to intercede on his behalf.



**Premier defends the Beer Store**

**RECORD PRICES** Under pressure to bring relief for some of the country's highest beer prices, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty yesterday defended the province's foreign-owned Beer Store chain stating, "It ain't broke."

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**Hurricane Bertha mows**

Hurricane Bertha weakened to a Category 1 on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# World

## Tea and sympathy

A Tokyo woman and her six-month-old baby escaped unharmed from a knife-wielding thief this week after the mother calmed him down with a cup of tea and a chat.

**REUTERS**



### Palestinian shoppers defy Israeli orders

**RAID** Israeli forces raided a popular shopping mall in the occupied West Bank yesterday, ordering its closure for two years over its owner's alleged links to Hamas.

Palestinian shoppers defied the Arabic-language order, left at the complex and signed by an Israeli general, by flocking to the five-storey complex in the centre of the city of Nablus.

"Those in charge of the property must ... close it and keep it shut for two years, upon receipt of this order," the document said, threatening violators with a five-year jail term and giving shopowners until Aug. 15 to move.

The Israeli army surrounds Nablus, governed by President Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority, but mounts frequent raids into the city in what the military describes as attempts to prevent attacks by militants.

**REUTERS**

## Missile deal upsets Russia

Promises 'military' response if U.S. deploys shield in Czech Republic

**The United States signed a pact yesterday to build part of a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic, prompting neighbouring Russia to warn it will react with military means if the shield is deployed.**

The U.S. and Czech foreign ministers toasted with champagne after signing the accord to place a tracking radar southwest of Prague as part of a system to protect against the perceived threat of missile attack from countries such as Iran.

But Russia, in a statement reminiscent of Cold War rhetoric, warned the United States against deploying the shield close to its borders.

"If the real deployment of an American strategic missile defence shield begins close to our borders,



Demonstrators walk on Prague's Stefanikuv bridge during a rally against a plan to build a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic yesterday.

**"If . . . an American strategic missile defence shield begins close to our borders, we will be forced to react not with diplomatic methods, but with military-technical methods."**

Russian foreign ministry

we will be forced to react not with diplomatic methods, but with military-technical methods," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on its

[www.mid.ru](http://www.mid.ru) website.

It did not give specifics but analysts said the threat appeared aimed at stoking European opposition to the shield.

In 2007, former President Vladimir Putin, who is now prime minister, said Russia could aim missiles at European countries if the U.S. missile

shield, which Moscow considers a threat to national security, goes ahead.

The Pentagon said the U.S. missile defence system Washington wants to base in the Czech Republic and Poland is designed to counter missile threats from the Middle East, not Russia.

**REUTERS**

## Western nations agree to sanctions on Zimbabwe

The Group of Eight rich nations agreed yesterday to impose sanctions against Zimbabwe's leadership because of violence during the widely condemned re-election of President Robert Mugabe.

The United States and Britain, among the fiercest critics of the veteran leader, had lobbied for a strong stand at a G8 summit in Japan after he was declared winner of a June 27 poll boycotted by opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

A number of G8 nations already have financial and travel restrictions on Mugabe and his inner circle.

"We will take further steps, *inter alia* introducing

### Opposition

Although Russia signed onto the G8 statement, Moscow has expressed misgivings about sanctions, which are also opposed by African nations.

financial and other measures against those individuals responsible for the violence," the G8 said in statement at its summit in Japan.

The grouping of major industrial powers said Mugabe's re-election had occurred without the necessary conditions required for a free and fair vote.

Movement for Democrat-

ic Change (MDC) leader Tsvangirai withdrew six days before the election because of violence by pro-Mugabe militias, which the MDC said killed 103 of its supporters.

Mugabe blames his opponents for the bloodshed.

The G8 leaders added they did not accept the legitimacy of a government that did not reflect the will of the Zimbabwean people.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the statement showed the international community was united against the 84-year-old Zimbabwean ruler, who has been in power since independence from Britain in 1980.

**REUTERS**

## Magnitude 6.2 quake rattles southern Peru

**DEATHS** A magnitude 6.2 earthquake shook southern Peru early yesterday, killing at least one person in the Andean country's second-largest city, Arequipa, and damaging scores of homes.

The epicenter of the quake was located 55 kilometers north-northwest of Arequipa, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Police in Arequipa said a 93-year-old man died in a hospital, where he was taken after the quake caused an adobe wall in his house to crash on him. Witnesses said residents refused to go back into their homes after the quake, fearing structures might collapse in aftershocks.

In Moquegua, a province near Arequipa, at least five people were killed and another 34 injured when their bus tumbled into a ravine just minutes after the quake. Among the dead were a Chilean and a French tourist.

The regional police chief said it was not clear whether the crash was set off by a mechanical failure or by a road that buckled during the quake.

**REUTERS**

### Heritage site

Arequipa lies about 720 kilometers southeast of Lima, Peru's capital. The historic centre of the city was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000.

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WestJet Airlines planes flew less full in June as a big increase in capacity more than offset growing passenger traffic. Its load factor, a measure of how full its planes flew, fell to 76.5 per cent, down 3.4 percentage points from 79.9 per cent in June 2007. **REUTERS**

# Business

## Spectrum auction nears end

**WIRELESS** A government auction of wireless spectrum aimed at bringing new competition to Canada's cellphone market has reached its final stretch, with total bids reaching \$4.2 billion so far — about twice the amount expected.

A range of companies that don't yet have a large wireless presence in Canada have emerged in the bidding for airwaves over which wireless services are delivered.

With bidding expected to end soon, the three top telecom companies, which already dominate Canada's \$13-billion wireless market — Rogers Communications Inc., BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. — lead the pack in the dollar value of high bids across the country. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**REFINERY SHELVED** Royal Dutch Shell has cancelled plans to build a new multibillion-dollar refinery near Sarnia, Ont., due to poor market conditions and surging construction costs, the oil major said yesterday. **REUTERS**

## Buzz announces early retirement

Lewenza to replace CAW union's boss

**Buzz Hargrove says he will retire early as the president of the Canadian Auto Workers and Ken Lewenza, the fiery leader of the union's big Windsor local, is set to jump into the driver's seat.**

 "I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."

Buzz Hargrove

Hargrove, who has led the union since 1992, surprised CAW leaders yesterday by revealing he will leave no later than Sept. 15 instead of next year.

Hargrove, the CAW's other senior officers, executive board, directors and staff overwhelmingly endorsed Lewenza, president of Local

444 in Windsor, at meetings yesterday to fill the \$150,700 a year hot seat.

"He has enormous energy," Hargrove told reporters as Lewenza sat beside him.

"I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."

Hargrove assistants Hemi Mitic and Tom Collins, who indicated earlier they would run regardless of the outcome of the endorsements, instead pulled out of the race at the same meetings.

Hargrove, who had planned on retiring next March or August, said campaigning had started for his post and he didn't want the increasing political activity to divide the CAW.

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## Bank backs off as tensions ease

**CREDIT CRUNCH** Tensions in Canada's money markets have eased enough to prompt the Bank of Canada to suspend operations to get short-term lending back on track.

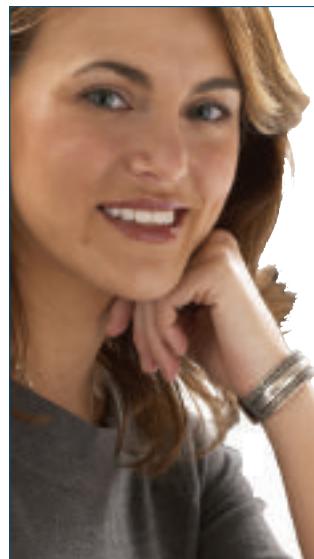
The central bank said

yesterday it would sell back \$1 billion worth of securities it bought on the market on June 10 instead of rolling them over, citing an improvement in bank funding costs.

This was the second

time it has decided to conclude a transaction of this sort, known as a PRA, and it marks the withdrawal of all of the bank's extraordinary help to once-stressed markets.

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**GAS PRICES** U.S. drivers can expect to shell out more than \$4 US a gallon, on average, for gasoline for the rest of 2008 and prices will keep rising until November, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said yesterday.

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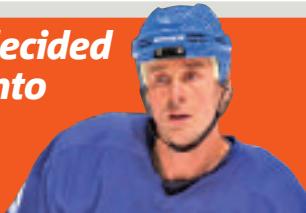
**Harden dealt to Cubs**

The Chicago Cubs have acquired pitchers Rich Harden, from Victoria, and Chad Gaudin from the Oakland Athletics in exchange for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielder Matt Murton, infielder Eric Patterson and catcher Josh Donaldson. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

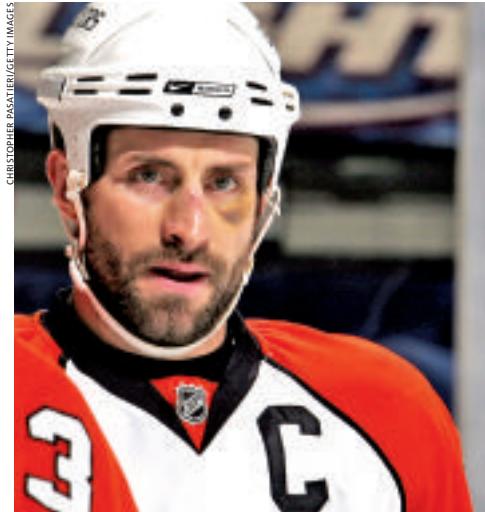
**"We're happy he's decided to come to the Toronto Maple Leafs"**

Leafs GM Cliff Fletcher on bringing Joe Nieuwendyk into the team's management.



## Joe is back

The Toronto Maple Leafs announced that Joe Nieuwendyk, left, will be a special assistant to general manager Cliff Fletcher, the man who drafted him back in 1985.



The Ottawa Senators signed veteran defenceman Jason Smith to a two-year contract yesterday.

# Sens get defensive

Ottawa adds veteran Smith to bolster team's blue-line

**The Ottawa Senators signed defenceman Jason Smith to a two-year contract yesterday.**

Smith, 34, is a veteran of 14 NHL seasons, scoring one goal and nine assists in 77 games last season with Philadelphia. He added two assists and a team-leading 56 hits and 45 blocked shots in 17 playoff contests during the Flyers run to the Eastern Conference finals.

The Calgary, Alta., native is a former first

round selection of the New Jersey Devils (18th overall) in 1992, going on to don the captain's "C" in each of his last six sea-

— 608 and Niclas Havelid — 601) to block more than 600 shots since the start of the 2005-06 sea-

son. in exchange for defenseman Joni Pitkanen, left winger Geoff Sanderson and a third-round draft choice in 2009.

In 945 career games, Smith has amassed 40 goals and 168 points while accumulating 1,052 penalty minutes for the New Jersey Devils, Toronto Maple Leafs, Oilers and Philadelphia.

He has added one goal, 10 assists and 68 penalty minutes in 60 career play-offs games.

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## Stanley mistaken as ashtray by partygoers

So the Stanley Cup was used as — brace yourself — an ashtray by party animals on Malibu Beach.

No joke.

U.S. musician **Kid Rock** had a wild July 4 bash in which invited members of the NHL champion Detroit Red Wings left the Cup out on the beach, where "people mistook the trophy for an ashtray," according to the New York Daily News. And before you decide to dismiss the information as nonsense emanating from an unreliable rag, keep in mind that it was the same paper that disclosed the extra-marital habits of Yankees third baseman **Alex Rodriguez** and his pending divorce, many of which have been confirmed.

• Strippers, by the way, are coming out of the wood-work now to divulge that they had affairs with A-Rod.

### YorkReport

**Marty York**

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Seems the future Hall of Famer has had a thing for skanky chicks — no offence to fans of 49-year-old entertainer **Madonna**, who's been rumoured as A-Rod's latest lover.

Boston stripper **Candice Houlihan** told reporters she had a two-night stand with A-Rod in 2004 and that the player's wife, **Cindy Rodriguez**, "did the right thing" by filing for divorce. "A leopard doesn't change his spots," said Houlihan, a hairdresser these days. "Good for her. I think she's doing the smart thing."

Houlihan added: "And she'll probably get tons of cash."

And I add: "Duh."

• Members of the 0-2 Winnipeg Blue Bombers are peeved at their coach, **Doug Berry**, who's been accusing them of enjoying the Montreal night life too much before they were crushed by the Alouettes last week ...

Members of the 1-1 Toronto Argonauts are peeved at their coach, **Rich Stubler**, because they've decided he lacks communication skills as well as general knowledge about offensive football ... There's a quiet quarterback controversy in B.C., where members of the 0-2 Lions think **Buck Pierce** is a better choice than **Jarius Jackson**, who was ineffective and noticeably nervous against the Saskatchewan Roughriders last week. The Lions are 2.5-point under-

dogs for their game in Winnipeg Friday night ... **Damon Allen** is a retired grandfather at 45, but he's let it be known throughout the CFL that he's willing and eager to return to any team in need of a quarterback.

• Entrenched in the AL East cellar, the Blue Jays have clearly become a seller for MLB's July 31 trade deadline.

The Jays are dangling not only pitcher **A.J. Burnett** as trade bait, but also shortstop **David Eckstein** (who's attracting interest from the Los Angeles Dodgers), utility man **Matt Stairs**, catcher **Gregg Zaun** and virtually every member of the team other than a few of their starting pitchers and outfielders.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

### Sports in brief

**NFL** Suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday. Vick, who is currently serving a 23-month prison sentence on federal dogfighting charges, claims to owe between \$10 and \$50 million US.

**CFL** Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Ricky Ray, British Columbia Lions defensive end Cameron Wake, and Toronto Argonauts kick returner Dominique Dorsey were named the CFL's top players for Week 2 yesterday.

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China's state television plans to scrap its usual slight delay for live broadcasts during the Olympic Games, allowing the audience to see everything "as it happens," the official Xinhua agency said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# Beijing Games

## Ronaldinho vows to play for Brazil

**SOCER** After being told by Barcelona that they would refuse to allow forward Ronaldinho to play for Brazil in next month's Olympic Games, the superstar reiterated his desire to go to the games.

"It is my dream to search the gold for Brazil," he said at a press conference Brazilian media sources reported.

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## Tomorrow's lineup

**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** "I grew up with the Olympics as part of my life with my grandfather, father and uncles all competing at the Olympics," says Beijing-bound solo flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

**29** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

top softball pitchers, representing Canada at the Olympic Games.

Jason grew up to be an outfielder for Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates. Athletics is clearly in the family's blood, Bay's grandparents Sylvia and Arthur also played ball, her uncle Gerry More was a three-time Olympian in decathlon, and her father David played little league.

Kelly Bay, Lauren's mother, said her daughter always had a knack for the sport, but her accomplishments have been no less amazing.

"We didn't imagine it would take her where she's

**"We didn't imagine [softball] would take her where she's gotten."**

Kelly Bay

gotten — I don't think anyone could have imagined that — but we're certainly thankful and grateful that it has," she said.

When Bay was 16, she got a call from the White Rock Renegades.

"They were known as the powerhouse of my generation and that was a pretty big deal to even have a phone call from them," said Bay. Her par-

ents, whom she called "saints," drove her nearly eight hours every weekend while school was in session to get her to home games.

The athletic girl with a competitive nature caught the eye of a handful of universities. Among them was Oklahoma State, which she ended up choosing for its welcoming sense of southern hospitality. At OSU, Bay studied international business and became a stand-out while playing ball, posting a 26-10 record as a senior in 2003 and striking out 451 to break her single-season record.

In 2002, Bay was part of the Canadian softball team that placed ninth at the World Championships in Saskatoon, and in 2004, was part of the Canadian team that placed fifth at the summer Olympics in Athens.

In August, Bay will again be one of the 15 players to represent our home and native land in softball at the Olympic Games in Beijing, where her parents and husband will be present to cheer her on.

"When that anthem starts and you look around and see everyone wearing red and white, you just swell up with a sense of pride and awe that your daughter is one of the chosen few who gets to represent that country," said Kelly Bay. "How many people can say that?"

However, Sylvia Bay

added the trip will be bittersweet for Lauren.

"She's looking forward to it, because this will probably be her last one," she said, referring to the International Olympic Committee's vote to remove softball and baseball from the Games effective 2012. These are the first two sports to be cut since polo was voted out in 1939.

Bay called the cut "heartbreaking" and said that she will work with various organizations to bring it back once the bustle of the Games dies down.

"Growing up of having a goal to play softball in the Olympics ... it's heartbreaking to know that, as of right now, no more softball players will be able to follow their dreams in that aspect."

The IOC will vote again in 2009.



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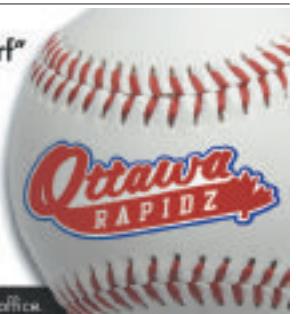
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## Avenger flexes muscle

Dodge model brings bad boy attitude to mid-size car segment

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Leave it to the "grab life by the horns" boys over at Dodge to inject a little "attitude" into the mid-size car segment with its new-for-2008 Avenger five-passenger sedan.

All muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed straight from the brand's full-size Charger model, the 2008 Avenger actually shares its platform and most of its mechanical bits with its corporate cousin, the Chrysler Sebring.

The Avenger's styling and materials look and feel better than the Sebring, though that's no reason for any competitors to consider reworking their own offerings. On the other hand, features-wise, the Avenger is a leader, offering the automaker's MyGIG multimedia audio and entertainment system with available navigation, Chill Zone cooled storage compartment above the glove box, heated and cooled cupholders (except on the base Avenger SE) and an available rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

As with the Sebring, the Avenger offers three trim levels. In the latter's case that means the base Avenger SE starting at \$20,495, followed by a mid-range SXT version with a \$22,595 sticker price and the range-top-



The New Dodge Challenger is all muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed from the brand's Charger model.

ping Avenger R/T with a \$27,395 entry fee.

In its SE trim the Avenger comes with a 173 horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine and four-speed automatic transmission, standard side-curtain airbags, four-speaker AM/FM stereo with CD/MP3 player, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power locks and mirrors, air conditioning, 60/40-split rear seat and 16-inch wheels and tires.

The SXT with a similar powertrain adds anti-lock brakes, the company's YES Essentials stain resistant seat fabric, a power eight-way driver's seat, six-speaker audio system, fold-flat passenger seatback, Touring suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels.

### 2008 Dodge Avenger SE

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass sedan FWD
- Price: \$20,495
- Engine: 2.4L L4 DOHC
- HP: 173 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 166 @ 4,400 rpm

#### Highlights:

- Muscular 'Charger-inspired' styling
- Available Flex Fuel engine
- Available all-wheel-drive
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The R/T is equipped with a 235 hp, 3.5-litre V6 mated to a six-speed automatic. It also gets a sport-tuned suspension and bigger brakes to improve handling and stopping, along with interior upgrades in keeping with its top-of-the-

line status. An all-wheel-drive R/T is also available, carrying a \$30,895 suggested list price.

The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, white-face gauges, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls.



The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls.

Finding a comfortable driving position is easy with the tilt and telescoping steering wheel and adjustable driver's seat.

On the road, the four-cylinder engine's performance is perky enough for most needs while the ride quality is smooth on the highway and quiet around town.

Toyota, Nissan reduce prices

Canadian car buyers looking to save some bucks behind the wheel of a new vehicle can take advantage of new, lower prices on several Toyota models.

The reductions range from \$1,350 to \$7,900 depending on the model.

Three 2008-model Toyotas have been reduced: RAV4 buyers save \$1,350 on the new manufacturer's suggested list price (MSRP) of \$26,050 — down from the previous MSRP of \$27,400. The Prius hybrid sedan drops by \$1,900 to its new MSRP of \$27,600 while the '08 Highlander is now \$34,900 for a saving of \$2,000.

On a similar note, Nissan has announced the 2009 Armada's pricing will be reduced by \$10,000 for a new MSRP of \$53,298 while the '09 Titan sees reductions of up to \$1,500 on both the Crew Cab and King Cab pickup trucks. Also Infiniti's 2009 FX35 drops \$4,350 to \$50,700 while there's a \$9,900 saving awaiting buyers of the QX56 seven- and eight-passenger SUVs.

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# Travel



## Buck House

Want to see how the royals live? Every year, Buckingham Palace opens its gates to visitors for a glance at the State Rooms. This year, the palace is open from July 29 to September 29. The tour includes a look at opulent collectibles including Faberge eggs, Rembrandt paintings and some of the finest furniture in the world. **VISIT BRITAIN**

# Disney ups the ante

Toy Story Mania! is one of new key attractions

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You can play video games at home. Or you can be in the video game at Disney's newest ride, Toy Story Mania! Dubbed a 4-D adventure, the newest addition to both DisneyWorld in Florida

and Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif. takes park goers through a series of virtual midway games led by the film's lead characters, Buzz Lightyear and Woody.

It keeps score, it's addictive and according to John Lasseter, chief creative officer of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation, this ride is exactly what Disney hoped for. "We wanted to create an attraction that was so fun, as soon as it's over you want to get back on again," Lasseter said. Sitting side-by-side and armed with spring-action shooters you launch virtual projectiles ranging from darts to midway rings at 3-D targets.

And yes, it can be tough on the forearms so stretch first.

Everything reacts to you, balloons burst showering you with virtual confetti and when rockets take flight directly at you, a perfectly timed blast of air lets you feel them whirl by.

They're so real, that several people were seen trying to touch the images.

And in each of the games, there is at least one "Easter egg" — a target that can trigger the appearance of bonus, high-value targets and other changes in the scene.

What makes this ride so addictive is the desire to improve your score and — more importantly — to beat the person beside you.

The only thing keeping people from riding Toy Story Mania! repeatedly on opening day was a lineup stretching halfway across California.

But that's a testament to people's love affair with the characters from Toy Story. To soothe the wait, Disney created a giant Mr. Potato Head that acts as a carnival barker. It's able to say several lines of dialogue to people in line as well as remove a body part (his ear) and re-attach it.

According to Lasseter, Toy Story Mania! is the first installment of a \$1.1 billion, five-year plan to upgrade Disney's California Adventure, which opened in 2001. He said the next Disney movie to be turned into a ride will be Cars (2006).



Above, an Audio-Animatronics figure of Mr. Potato Head voiced by Don Rickles greets guests lined up for Toy Story Mania! Below, donning 3-D glasses and manning spring-action shooters, park goers ride the attraction at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif.

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# Cosplay it again

**In the bowels of Taipei**, beneath a bridge where homeless men nestle-in for a good nights sleep, there's a simple community centre. From the outside, it doesn't look like much but inside, the Infinitive Cosplay Theatre have gathered, eager to strut their imaginative hobby. There's an energy in the air as they get ready for this evenings practice.

The girls dab themselves with thick white powder, red face paint and a thick coat of black mascara. They fiddle with heavy wigs, adjust their robes and slip into character.

They are Cosplayers, a growing sub-culture of Taiwan's young generation. Cosplay, a combination of "costume" and "play," has people dressing up as their favourite fictional characters.

Rooted in Asia, this popular trend has found it's way around the world, including Canada. For the most part, costumes are inspired by Japanese anime and manga characters, but in Taiwan, the local

## More on Cosplay

For more information on the puppet theatre that inspired Taiwanese Cosplayers, visit [www.pili.com.tw/en/](http://www.pili.com.tw/en/)

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youth have put their own spin on it.

Cosplayers dress as characters from PiLi Puppet Theatre, a traditional performance of wooden hand-puppets. This cultural phenomenon re-enacts Chinese legends of love, chivalry and heroism through the art of puppetry.

Though the hobby may be growing in popularity, it certainly isn't cheap, with costumes, fans, staffs and wigs costing an upwards of 21,000 Taiwan dollars (\$700 Canadian).

Since the characters are copy-written, costumes aren't found in stores. You have to either make one yourself, or have it specially made-to-order by one of the few professionals in the city. Myao Ju Sheun Hwa has spent an upwards of 50,000 (\$1600 Canadian) this year on her Cosplay hobby.

By day, she's a secretary at a local shipping company, by night, this 34-year-old dresses as a female goddess, dawning a sheer gown and elaborate wig adorned with tulips. She is drawn to this PiLi character because "of her very kind and powerful personality." Myao talks about the puppet characters with familiarity and affection, admiring their loyalty, good looks and martial arts skills. Her addiction to PiLi Puppet Theatre first started when she was a little girl, watching it on T.V. Her love of this Taiwanese theatre caused her to join a fan club, where she met other like-minded addicts. It's from this fan club that spawned the Infinitive Cosplay theatre.

With over 10 people in the group, the team practices their routines three days a week.

To the tune of wind chimes and a pan flute, they move about the space in a collective performance, re-enacting mock battles from ancient Chinese dynasties.

Their dance is interpretive. Their movements are carefully choreographed, with elements of kung fu.

Imagination takes these Cosplayers far from the urban reality of their humble surroundings.

Julia Dimon co-hosts Word Travels, airing on OLN, and edits The Travel Junkie. She can be reached through [www.thetraveljunkie.ca](http://www.thetraveljunkie.ca).



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# Entertainment

**Hear Bruni**

French first lady Carla Bruni's new album *Comme si de rien n'était* won't be released until July 15, but starting today you can listen to it online at [carlabruni.com](http://carlabruni.com). METRO

**movies**



Annette Bening

**Bening named to Oscar board**

**PEOPLE** Three-time Oscar nominee Annette Bening has been elected to the governing board of the organization that gives out the Academy Awards.

Bening, 50, joins the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which draws up Oscar's rules and regulations.

The actress is a three-time Oscar nominee for her roles in *The Grifters*, *American Beauty* and *Being Julia*.

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## Fresh take on exploration

### Journey To The Center Of The Earth takes thrills underground

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of exploration and suspense and surprise because of the various obstacles the explorers are going to find."

Getting a new perspective is a movie tradition. You've probably never seen *Trip To The Moon* from 1902, but perhaps you've heard the phrase *Where No Man Has Gone Before*.

The *Star Trek* series started on the small screen, but went big in 1979. The new take of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, starring Brendan Fraser, is a modern spin on an old story. A 1959 version of the film starred Pat Boone. Both are based on the Jules Verne book published in 1864.

Ever wondered what's out there? Or in there? Or even, under there?

Generations of moviegoers have. With Friday's release of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, the next generation of movie fans can explore other worlds.

"It already recalls something like *Jurassic Park*, where there's this notion of an unknown world that is discovered unwittingly," said Charlie Keil, director of the cinema studies institute at the University of Toronto. "It has both the elements



*Journey To The Center Of The Earth* takes a fresh look at the tradition of exploration on the big screen.

But our exploration fascination doesn't have to be on a grand scale.

Who could forget Hamilton's Martin Short cruising around in a li'l ship inside Dennis Quaid in 1987's *In*

nerspace? Or Toronto's Rick Moranis as the flustered father in 1989's *Homey, I Shrunk The Kids*?

"You could say it's the same formula inverted, in a way," Keil said. "Rather

than being exposed to something larger than expected, like a whole new world ... cinema can show you things you didn't think were there ... things that are suddenly magnified so we experience them differently."

Keil says one of the rules of exploration movies is the effectively melding "spectacle and narrative." He expects moviegoers will keep flocking to the theatres to see what surprises are in store.

"Oh definitely. With (*Journey*), it's being linked to the burgeoning re-exploration of the capacities of new 3D technologies ... everyone is saying the new 3D technology is really quite convincing. So this kind of narrative will suit that technology to a T."

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**Jada Pinkett Smith** has called in Hollywood's Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan to train her pets to avoid rattlesnakes. The actress was devastated when her beloved pooch Rocco died after a rattlesnake attack and she now feels compelled to make sure her other dogs stay away from danger. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

## Celebrity Buzz

# McConaughey first-time father

**FATHERHOOD** Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend are "elated" after the birth of their first child, a baby boy, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Brazilian model Camila Alves gave birth to a seven pound, four ounce son at 6:22 p.m. in Los Angeles on Monday night, the actor's representative Alan Nierob confirms to *People.com*.

In a statement to *Okl! magazine*, McConaughey says, "Camila and I were side by side the entire time.

"We are both tired and elated, and are so



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sessions out of her North London home.

A source told Britain's *Daily Mirror* newspaper: "Kate made some comment about a girl who had been hanging around Jamie and it deteriorated from there. Just hours later, Jamie was packing his things and moving stuff out of her house. By the afternoon, most if it had gone."

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## Moss boots boyfriend out

**BREAK-UP** Kate Moss' relationship with Jamie Hince is rumoured to be on the rocks, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The supermodel — who started dating the The Kills guitarist last summer — reportedly had a blazing row on Saturday and the rocker has now started moving his pos-



## Barrymore, Long break up

**RELATIONSHIPS** Hollywood couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long have split less than four months after the actress cooed about her lover on TV talk show Oprah, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Back in March, the Charlie's Angels star told TV host Oprah Winfrey she was mad about Long.

She said her romance with the Dodgeball actor was "healthy, productive, supportive and full of humour."

A spokesman for Barrymore tells *America's Star* magazine, "I can confirm the split but have no other comment."

The couple started dating in August after meeting on the set of upcom-

ing movie *He's Just Not That Into You*. [METRO NEWS SERVICES](http://METRO NEWS SERVICES)



## celebrity brief

### Allen and Simons together again

**ROMANCE** Lily Allen is dating Chemical Brothers star Ed Simons again, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The singer, 23, is believed to have reconciled with the 38-year-old after revealing she is no longer single on Facebook social networking website Monday.

Both Lily and Ed — who ended their three-month re-

lationship earlier this year shortly after Lily suffered a miscarriage — altered the status on their personal profiles to "in a relationship." The couple were then swamped with messages of congratulations from friends. The reunited couple have been spotted together on numerous occasions in recent weeks.

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## Mendes snaps back in interview

**TREATMENT** Eva Mendes, who quietly admitted herself into treatment at the Cirque Lodge in Utah in January, snapped at a reporter for *Interview* magazine who joked that Alcoholics Anonymous would have to be changed to Alcoholics Unanimous because of the prevalence of problems in Hollywood.

"I'm not making jokes, because people die from this stuff," she says in the interview. "So, honestly, I think



it's a bit tacky that you made a joke. I've got to be honest."

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## celebrity brief

### Lohan given ring from Samantha

**GIFT** Lindsay Lohan has been given a \$22,000 "commitment" ring by girlfriend Samantha Ronson, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports. The actress was taken shopping by the DJ last week to celebrate her 22nd birthday and was thrilled when Sam splashed out on the stunning piece of jewellery.

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## Prince building house in Africa

**CHARITY** Prince Harry is once again raising a hand to help the AIDS-stricken African nation of Lesotho, this time building a special-needs school with his army buddies from the Household Cavalry's Blues and Royals regiment, [people.com](http://people.com) reports. Harry, 23, says he hopes the facility in the northern town of Butha Buthe will be the first of many that can be provided by his Sentebale charitable foundation, reports Britain's *Telegraph*.

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## Jolie wants natural birth: Doc

**CHILDBIRTH** The pregnant Angelina Jolie is holding steady — and enjoying reruns of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. Dr. Michel Sussmann told [starmagazine.com](http://starmagazine.com) that Angelina hopes that babies will be born naturally — not via C-section.

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## Ashlee freaked about pounds

**BODY IMAGE** Four-months-pregnant Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has become Little Miss Obsessive about her new baby body, [starmagazine.com](http://starmagazine.com) reports. The pop singer is so surprised she's gained so much so fast — 20 pounds already — that she's working out six days a week with Mike Alexander, sister Jessica's ex-trainer. She's doing low-impact exercises, such as riding the stationary bike and Pilates. [METRO NEWS SERVICES](http://METRO NEWS SERVICES)



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J.J. Clarke

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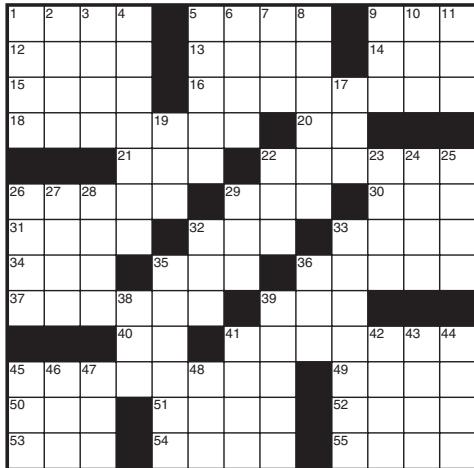
**NEWS**

Weeknights 6:00

**Former Village People** lead singer Victor Willis is recovering in hospital following vocal cord surgery. Willis, the band's original policeman, had surgery at a San Diego, Calif., hospital on Monday to remove nodules from his vocal cords. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

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## Take Five



### Crossword down

1 Stick  
2 Molokai neighbor  
3 Quick pace  
4 Pours out  
5 Store employee  
6 Prepares to fire  
7 Eyebrow shape  
8 Lacked  
9 Flower garland  
10 Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"  
11 Panhandle  
17 Codgers' queries  
19 PGA's Ernie —  
22 Gossip  
23 Low card  
24 Rochester's Jane  
25 — my lips!

26 Greenish mineral  
27 Computer owner  
28 Wait awhile  
29 Not many  
32 Of course!  
33 Cascade Range peak  
35 Made furrows  
36 Sardines holder  
38 Frankfurt single  
39 Heats in the microwave  
41 Gourmet cheese  
42 Got a move on  
43 McClurg or Brickell  
44 Lairs  
45 Bad, for Yves  
46 Natural resource  
47 Many times  
48 Gorilla or chimp

### previous day's answer

H	I	D	W	I	N	C	H	E	O	N
A	L	I	E	L	E	N	A	K	A	
G	E	E	A	L	A	N	K	U	S	H
M	A	K	E	R	E	M	A	K	E	R
A	L	K	E	G	B	L	U	R	B	S
D	Y	E	R	A	D	I	A	T	I	O
A	C	R	E	L	I	L	Z	O	N	E
G	R	A	V	E	L	P	I	T	T	E
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### This day in history

JULY 9, 1948: Pakistan issued first set of Postage stamp, having image of Constituent Assembly, Jinnah International Airport (Quaid-e-Azam International Airport), and Shahi Fort.

JULY 9, 1986: The New Zealand Parliament passes the Homosexual Law Reform Act making homosexuality legal in New Zealand.

JULY 9, 1991: South Africa is reintroduced into the Olympic movement after 30 years of exclusion.

JULY 9, 2002: The African Union was established in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Horoscopes

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Unfinished business must be cleared up. A man will make hesitant moves. Answer an interrogator with frankness.



#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Don't do anything just to continue a relationship. Someone will annoy everyone. A bad job is closer to completion.



#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Fulfill all your tasks but don't wear yourself out. Peace of mind is hard to find. Unexpected news makes the rounds.



#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A love affair will ripen. A rushed guy will get nasty. You're better off to take responsibility and admit to any mistakes.



#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 22**

Wait two days before reaching out for love. Contact will be made with a shady character. Prepare to pick up where you left off.



#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Use cunning to find a way around obstructions. A sweetheart will give an ultimatum. A dependency might break a bad connection.



#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Good news about a rapid recovery will come. Prepare for a blip in your routine. You won't be held back by an astonishing request.



#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MAR 20**

Mistakes are made but don't take it to heart. Steer clear of a menacing manager. Your truthfulness is keeping you out of the loop.



### Sudoku

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

#### previous day's answer

8	9	6	5	1	7	2	4	3
2	4	3	8	6	9	7	1	5
1	7	5	4	3	2	6	8	9
5	6	1	7	2	4	9	3	8
4	3	2	9	8	1	5	7	6
9	8	7	6	5	3	1	2	4
3	1	9	2	4	6	8	5	7
7	5	4	1	9	8	3	6	2
6	2	8	3	7	5	4	9	1

#### SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13	.....	Genius	21-25	.....	Not bad
13-17	.....	Scholar	25+	.....	Keep practicing
17-21	.....	Smart			

### Crossword across

1 Big handbag  
5 "Slither" actor  
9 Experiment room  
12 Friendly  
13 Trevi Fountain coins  
14 Ogle  
15 Flapjack chain  
16 Acting as host  
18 Rainspouts  
20 Author — Lawrence  
21 Variety  
22 Medieval clown  
26 Floats downriver  
29 Passing fashion  
30 Whiskey grain  
31 Yard sale caution (2 wds.)

32 Evergreen  
33 Aloe —  
34 Was in front  
35 Church seat  
36 Fiddled idly  
37 Fish baskets  
39 Zip  
40 Maiden loved by Zeus  
41 Clustered  
45 Deep space event  
49 Candy-striper  
50 Rover's greeting  
51 Fencing sword  
52 Fritz's refusal  
53 Authorize  
54 — ex machina  
55 Inspired poetry



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## Ottawa weather

### Afternoon



### Tonight



### Thursday



### Friday



### Saturday



### Temperature Normals

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Moon does not set  
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